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REGARDLESS REASONS FOR LEAK RE ISRAELI PURCHASE FRENCH MISSILES, WE OBSERVE THAT MISSILES WITH SUCH CAPABILITIES HARD TO JUSTIFY AS DEFENSIVE. ALTHOUGH ASSUME FRENCH SALES NOT COORDINATED WITH US, LIBYANS, WHO TEND LUMP TOGETHER ALL PRO-ISRAELI ACTIONS AS PART OF GENERAL ANTI-ARAB CONSPIRACY, WILL BELIEVE WE AND FRENCH IN CAHOOTS. HENE LIBYANS WOULD BE ALL MORE IRRECONCILABLE TO ANY FURTHER ISRAEL ARMS PURCHASES AT THIS TIME EVEN

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IF IT WERE CLAIMED ARMS LIMITED IN QUANTITY AND PURELY FOR DEFENSE.

WE GATHER FROM REFTEL BEIRUT STORY IS ACCURATE. WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WECOULD BE SUPPLIED ANY OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO DEPT RE POSSIBLE ISRAELI ARMS PURCHASES. IS THERE ANY PROSPECT SUCH SALES WILL REDUCE PRESSURE ON US?

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